

# SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

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This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building, within 30 days after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Senator Thom Tillis, make the following  
(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): North Carolina Bar Association

Travel date(s): June 23-24, 2017

Destination(s): Asheville, North Carolina

Name of accompanying family member (if any): None

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate		\$268.94	\$45	
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Senator Tillis served as the keynote speaker at the North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting President's Luncheon.

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

7.18.17

(Date)

Thom Tillis

(Signature of Senator/Officer)

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May 18, 2017

Mr. Chad Rhoades  
Office of Senator Thom Tillis  
United States Senate  
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chad:

We are excited that Senator Tillis is available to speak at our North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting on Friday, June 23, 2017. He will serve as the keynote speaker our President's Luncheon at the Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville at 12:30 p.m.

In addition to his speech, the luncheon agenda includes presentation of several pro bono and public service awards to individuals and groups from around North Carolina, and presentation of the H. Brent McKnight Renaissance Lawyer Award to Dean Martin Brinkley of the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Depending upon your normal protocol, we are inviting Senator and Mrs. Tillis to be our guests at the hotel. As we have discussed, arrangements have been made with the hotel. As the senatorial staff member traveling with the Senator you will be our guest as well.

Sincerely,



Kearns Davis  
President

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA)
2. Description of the trip: Senator Tillis will serve as the keynote speaker at NCBA Annual Meeting President's Luncheon at the Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC
3. Dates of travel: June 23-24, 2017
4. Place of travel: Asheville, NC
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator Thom Tillis & Mrs. Susan Tillis
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
  - ~~OR~~
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
~~AND~~
  - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - ~~AND~~
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

**OR**

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The NCBA holds its Annual Meeting every year and we are solely responsible for funding the event and scheduling and securing speakers for this event.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The NCBA mission is to serve the public and the profession by promoting the administration of justice and encouraging the highest standards of integrity, competence, civility and well-being of the profession.

Senator Tillis' speech will serve as an outstanding example of a public servant and role model for lawyers.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

None. This is the first time we are acting as sponsoring organization.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The NCBA conducts continuing education for legal professionals and also promotes education of students, teachers, and the public about our system of government and the rule of law.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts		\$238 per night, for 1 night, plus taxes. This is the standard block room rate	\$45 for 1 meal	/

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

Without regard to congressional participation - this is an annual luncheon where pro bono awards are presented to legal groups from across NC.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

We have the event every odd year at the Omni Grove Park Inn which has been our tradition site since 1928.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The lodging selected is where the luncheon event is occurring and all speakers are staying at the same location.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Although it is above the per diem rate (\$117) it is our room block rate for all attendees. The meal expense is below the \$59 per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

None

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: Thomas M. Hull, NCBA Convention Coordinator

Name of Organization: North Carolina Bar Association

Address: PO Box 3688, Cary, NC 27519-3688

Telephone Number: 919-677-0561

Fax Number: 919-677-0761

E-mail Address: thull@ncbar.org

**Trip itinerary for Senator Thomas Tillis to speak at North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC, Friday June 23, 2017**

**Friday morning 6/23 Senator Tillis drives from Cornelius, NC to Asheville NC**

<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Omni Grove Park Inn ETA He checks into hotel room if available at this time</b>
<b>12:30 – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>President's Luncheon speech to NCBA members</b>
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Senator Tillis is on his own for the balance of the day.</b>